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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Ravalli County Commissioners
215 4th Street, Suite A
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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners

After reading a notice from Terri Daniel, Executive Director of Higher Ground Foundation, I feel moved to express my opinion on the workings of the Streamside Setback Committee. The overtly underhanded dealings of this committee to sidestep public opinion and particularly that segment of the public "the naysayers" whose land is directly impacted by what seems to be extremist wishes for restrictive legislation, is in my opinion unforgivable!

It appears that this little brown shirt committee has decided to take matters into their own hands. Drafting very significantly restrictive legislation without the advice and consent of those involved and taking measures to make sure they don't find out about it leaves no other recourse but to remove these individuals from their positions - that goes without saying. As commissioners, commissioned to represent us, the owners of the land in Ravalli County, I will assume that steps have already been taken to reseal the members of the Streamside Setback Committee with a mix of people who's opinions reflect a more democratic sampling of residents and land owners in the county. Since the drafted proposals seem to have little or no basis in actual environmental issues, but do affect certain individual's land values in a very positive way, if their neighbors are prohibited from building or even maintaining their land as they wish, these actions show an intentional subversion of tax paying citizen's rights.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of your body to correct this situation in a way that satisfies the rights of the people who you represent.

This is my position, as a landowner in Darby whose land would become valueless should this kind of biased legislation pass.

Thank you very much for your dutiful consideration of the matter. I would like to hear what stand the commissioners have taken on this situation. Please notify me at 70 Three Forks Road, Atlantic City, WY 82520 or at the above e-mail address.

Sincerely,

John Mionczynski

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